

Summer '08

Dear Incoming GSE Student:

The Students of Color Orientation Committee welcomes you to GSE. If you have not already done so, we encourage you to register for the *Students of Color Orientation Program* scheduled on Friday, September 5th at 12Noon. You can register at http://www.gse.upenn.edu/student_life/orientation.php.

We have organized a festive and informative event to assist you in making a smooth transition to Penn GSE. This orientation program will include a luncheon and a panel discussion featuring current students of color and faculty members of color and faculty who are knowledgeable about racial/ethnic dynamics at GSE. Every year, this discussion elicits thought-provoking discourse by providing a space to candidly delve into topics of interest to students of color. To facilitate our discussion, we encourage you to read the article, "Teaching Outside the Classroom" by Dr. Marybeth Gasman in advance. You can download this article at the link above. Dr. Gasman will be a panelist at the event.

This year's orientation will conclude with an informal reception, where new students will have an opportunity to meet and mingle with current students of color and faculty. Additionally, representatives from Students of Color United (SOCU), The Association of African American Students in Education (AAAGSE), and Asian American Students Association (AASA), three student organizations that offers academic, social and professional support to students of color at GSE, will be in attendance. We hope this program will inspire you to get involved and participate in events during the coming year.

If you have any questions about this orientation program, or if you just want to chat about life at GSE and in Philly, please feel free to contact one of us - our e-mails are listed below. We look forward to meeting you.

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